

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone  
4 achievements in high school sports in the State of Illinois;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Centralia High School Boys Varsity  
7 Basketball Team, the Orphans, captured third place honors at  
8 the 2002 IHSA State Class AA Boys Basketball Tournament held  
9 at Carver Arena in Peoria on March 16, 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, The Orphans met the challenge by first defeating  
11 the Maroons of Moline High School in the quarterfinal game;  
12 they then went on to the semifinal game against the Lanphier  
13 Lions; after an impressive rally in the final minutes, the  
14 Orphans lost the game by the final score of 56 to 52; the  
15 Orphans' spirit rebounded in the Third Place Championship  
16 with a victory over the New Trier Trevians by the score of 75  
17 to 64; and

18 WHEREAS, In winning the third-place trophy, the Orphans  
19 became the first South Seven Conference team to earn a trophy  
20 since 1994; it was also Centralia High School's second  
21 third-place trophy in the school's history, with the other  
22 coming under coach Arthur Trout in 1941; and

23 WHEREAS, The Orphan team consists of Lance Marcum, Jason  
24 Palmer, Brian Dinkelman, Caleb Edson, Anthony Jones, Andrew  
25 Walton, Blake Freels, Jamal Palmer, Jordan Queen, Terence  
26 Bradley, Matt Shaw, Neil Crosby, Tommy Bryan, Brandon  
27 Westbrook, and Jon Smith; the Athletic Director/Head Coach  
28 is Rick Moss; and the assistant coaches are Chuck Lane, Roger  
29 Shaw, Roger Stieg, and Brent Stewart; and

30 WHEREAS, In addition to the State Tournament, the Orphans  
31 also claimed victories at the Quincy Thanksgiving Tournament,

1 the O'Fallon Sectional Complex, and the Carbondale (SIU)  
2 Super-Sectional; and they participated in the Tournament of  
3 Champions in Springfield, Missouri, and the Centralia Holiday  
4 Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, The team was welcomed home by their family,  
6 friends, and fans at a rally on March 17, 2002 at Centralia  
7 High School in honor of their amazing third-place finish in  
8 the State Tournament; and

9 WHEREAS, Centralia Basketball has come a long way in the  
10 past 96 years; Centralia High School Basketball started in  
11 1906 and was played in the basement of "B" Building, which  
12 had a twelve foot high ceiling and supporting posts on the  
13 playing floor; in 1922, play was moved to a new gym which had  
14 seating only on the west side; in 1936, the current gym,  
15 named after legendary coach A.L. Trout, was dedicated; A.L.  
16 Trout served as coach from 1914 until 1950 and holds the  
17 Illinois High School Boys Basketball coaching record of 809  
18 wins at one school; and

19 WHEREAS, The nickname of the "Orphans" came from a  
20 comment made by a Chicago sports writer in 1937 at the  
21 Pontiac Holiday Tournament after the team came out for  
22 warm-ups in bedraggled suits and warm-up jackets with no  
23 buttons; Coach Trout liked the saying and tagged the club  
24 Orphans, a tradition that continues to this day; and

25 WHEREAS, Centralia High School is listed ninth overall on  
26 the top 25 all-time winning boys basketball teams from the  
27 NBA, college, and high school with only eight NBA teams  
28 having more wins; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-  
30 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
31 congratulate the Centralia High School Boys Varsity  
32 Basketball Team on capturing third place honors at the 2002

1 IHSA State Class AA Boys Basketball Tournament; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the Superintendent of Centralia High School,  
5 Edgar Coller, Principal, Virgil Moore, Head Coach/Athletic  
6 Director, Rick Moss, the assistant coaches, Chuck Lane, Roger  
7 Shaw, Roger Stieg, and Brent Stewart, and to each member of  
8 the Orphans team as an expression of our esteem.